IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

PATRICK W.H. HEUTS ET AL

NL 000425

Serial No.

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

STATION AND METHOD FOR OPERATING A CAN COMMUNICATION LINE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Amended) A multi-station system arranged for implementing a method as claimed in Claim 1.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to reformat the claims to delete all multiple dependencies prior to calculation of the filing fee and place the instant application in standard U.S. format.

. Entry of this amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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